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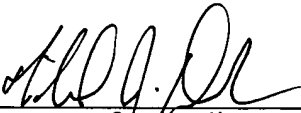
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the European search report listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The search report was issued on June 30, 2004, in a counterpart application. A copy of the search report, as well as copies of the European patent documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed. Copies of the listed U.S. patent documents are not submitted herewith.

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